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Patty Morris-Hildebrand poses for a family portrait with her children, Laura, Joshua and Jordan. The family is united once more after Morris-Hildebrand's near-death fight to bring up her blood platelet count.

No quit

Woman returns from brink of death

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

The word miracle is so overused that many people don't recognize it when a real one comes along.

That's what she and her doctor, friends, family and well-wishers say.

A real one happened to the Granite City resident recently, at least when it's what she and her doctor, friends, family and well-wishers say.

Patty of Granite City, entered Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis last winter desperately ill. A low blood platelet count to near zero, a lethal situation, was told in the Granite City Journal in December.

She needed near round-the-clock infusion of platelets, a radical treatment; she is just the second person in the country to receive the treatment.

By Christmas, however, the miracle occurred.

Patty walked out of the hospital, her platelet count of 250,000 per milliliter.

She's not cured — Patty still needs a bone marrow transplant and returns to her doctor once a

*'The doctor told me,
Patty, I didn't do it.
The man upstairs did.'*

Patty Morris-Hildebrand

month.

However, the difference between her terrible condition late last year and now is nothing short of incredible.

"I truly believe what made me walk out was the doctor — but also God," she said.

"The doctor told me, 'Patty, I didn't do it. The man upstairs did.'

Her doctor is Peter Weiss, oncologist and hematologist, who works closely with his wife, Barbara Horn, also a doctor at Barnes-Jewish.

He has the expertise and bedside manner, Patty said. "I needed that, which he was quick to give to me."

For example, sometimes, Patty shook uncontrollably, and Weiss held her and would "take me away

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Warfield to replace Greathouse

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Mac Warfield, a long-time figure in Madison County politics, is resigning from the county board to lead the Metro East Sanitary District.

Warfield replaces Walter "Shang" Greathouse, long-time head of the district, who resigned in February from both the district board and the directorship — for health rea-

sons.

Warfield, chairman of the Madison County Democratic Party, would have to resign his board seat, because to hold it and head the district would be considered a conflict of interest.

He was unavailable for comment by Journal press time Friday.

A successor to Warfield's seat has not yet been named, but some party insiders are

hoping Alan Crider.

Crider could not be reached for comment by Journal press time.

Crider is a principal at Granite City Middle School in Granite City.

Warfield was appointed to the county board in 1996 upon the death of Nelson E. Price, who had served as a Granite City alderman and superintendent of the street department.

He will continue to chair the Madison County Democratic Party.

The Sanitary District is a governmental body based in Granite City and charged with maintaining drainage and levees in Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

Greathouse was appointed to the board in 1977 and was named executive director in 1984.

Police Township Supervisor Andy Economy was named in February to replace Greathouse on the board.

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Committee votes to close county homes

Issue continues to divide board members

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

A Madison County Board committee made the first move Thursday toward closing the county nursing and shelter care homes by Dec. 1.

The Finance Committee voted 3-1 to close the homes. The issue will now go before the Health Institutions and Personnel committees for consideration. If approved, the full County Board will decide the fate of the homes.

The only "no" vote Thursday came from Alan Dunstan, D-Highland, who said he may eventually vote to close the homes. The Health Institutions Committee should have been asked to vote first, with the Finance Committee, he said.

"If the homes cannot operate in the black, I'll vote to close them in a second," Dunstan said.

County Auditor Fred Bathon said the combined operation of the homes continues to lose money and cannot continue without some action by the voters or the County Board.

'If the homes cannot operate in the black, I'll vote to close them in a second.'

Alan Dunstan
D-Highland

Backers of keeping the homes have said the residents have no place else to go and that it is up to the county to provide for the needs of people.

Some Finance Committee members said they would vote to close the homes if the Health Institutions Committee are ignoring the March 1 referendum and previous votes of the Finance Committee.

"They have ignored our recommendations. They don't care what the voters have said," said Board Member Don Rea, D-Grainger City. Finance Committee Member Jack

Frandsen, D-Alhambra, said the voters in his district voted nearly 70 percent against the propositions to float a \$6.5 million bond issue to build a new home and to raise another 5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for expenses.

The propositions lost countywide by about 16,000 to 12,000.

The recommendation will go to a joint meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Health Institutions and Personnel Committees.

County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said he plans to urge as many board members as possible to attend.

Director of Administration James Monday said he would like to get a clear idea on which direction to take on the homes.

He said if the board decides to close the homes, then such issues as selling land and using the proceeds to buy a new home would be moot.

He said the question of whether to entice a private developer in

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Smith denies police charges

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

Madison High School athletic director and drivers education teacher Donald J. Smith plans to file a lawsuit against the SIUE police department for injuries he said he suffered in an alleged alteration on March 20.

Smith, 43, of the 2000 block of Amos in Granite City was pulled over near Woodlawn Cemetery on St. Louis Street in Edwardsville at about 9:50 p.m. and charged by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Police with driving under the influence, obstructing a police officer and running a stop sign, police report said.

He was driving the school's driver education vehicle at the time, Smith said.

However, Smith said he doesn't think he did anything wrong. He said he had "one beer for dinner a couple of hours before" allegedly ending up in a hospital after being

'I've been a teacher for 19 years and have never had anything like this happen to me. It's embarrassing to me, my family, my students, my colleagues and my school district.'

Don Smith

allegedly beaten up by police. "The thing has been blown way out of proportion," Smith said.

He said he was advised by his lawyer not to talk about the incident but was "embarrassed" by the media's focus on the DUI charge and wanted to tell his side of the

story. Smith said he was driving the school vehicle for the day because he was performing all school-related duties.

After spending the day at a conference for Madison County high school athletic directors at SIUE, Smith said he ate dinner in Alton with some of his colleagues.

On his way to Rusty's restaurant and bar in Edwardsville to book a banquet, Smith said he was pulled over by SIUE Police.

"The night I rolled through the town sign (at North Poag Road and North University Drive), but I didn't think I did," he said. "When the policeman said he smelled alcohol, I said 'You're going to be kidding me.' I had one beer a couple of hours before with a grilled cheese and chicken wings."

Smith said he successfully completed a field sobriety test, but said the officer was playing a "tough guy."

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Walk-a-thon

Coolidge Middle School students Jennifer O'Connor, Rowena Curtis, Joy Smith and Tasha Sanders walk the high school track during the Coolidge Walk-a-thon on Wednesday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

System worked

TO THE EDITOR:

In these times of frustration with government and with many politicians, our news media are often so negative that the average citizen wonders if our system still works and if concern of the "little" nonpolitical person can be addressed. Or is government all bad, too big, or too uncaring.

"At least there is a one piece of evidence today that says it works — if our representatives truly represent us in presenting our case for change there is one piece of positive news to offset all of the negatives we daily find in the media."

The writer wishes it known that U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello did listen, did vigorously pursue the righting of a wrong, did stay on top of the issue and continue to push for a constituent's cause, and did succeed in having the issue resolved.

Significant also is the fact that not once in the process did the constituent come up as to whether the constituent was a supporter or even of the same political party.

My cause, which Costello made his own, came to light upon my husband's death, when we were investigating interment at Arlington National Cemetery. As a Silver Star recipient, he was eligible for Arlington. Somehow, however, the military records

were not correct. There was no indication on the official records of the Silver Star, which was in my possession and which was widely reported about in the newspaper at the time of the award.

Any military man knows what it takes to win the Silver Star. John Reynolds was a very patriotic individual and willingly put his life at risk for his country, as so many other veterans have done.

It was not right that the records did not even reflect his bravery. He almost died in the process of taking out a machine gun net that was killing Allied soldiers. Not important in the big scheme of things with all of the nation's problems, correct

records were nevertheless very important to his family.

For two years I pursued getting the records corrected but was not getting anywhere.

Last week Costello presented me with corrected military records showing the acknowledgment of the Silver Star. In the process he also found that my husband was due a Bronze Star, which he had not received. Costello also presented the Bronze Star to me that my husband would have received.

This is to publicly thank Costello for my husband and our family and to let others know the quality of the man.

DOROTHY REYNOLDS

Wood River

Medicare fraud must be eliminated

By Sen. Dick Durbin

Recently an Illinois doctor entered phony symptoms in patients' records and received more than \$3 million a year for unnecessary tests from Medicare and private insurers. In another recent case, an Illinois ambulance company used thousands of dollars of false and inflated claims with Medicare and Medicaid for same-day, round-trip transfers of nursing home patients. In some instances, the company claimed the patients were bed-confined when, in reality, they weren't.

Both cases are examples of a serious problem. Medicare fraud, that is costing the Medicare Trust Fund \$2.5 billion a year — 12 percent of Medicare's net. Under no circumstance should this exploitation of senior citizens, the disabled and taxpayers is outrages. But it is even more troubling when demographic changes and rising medical costs, combined with fraud, threaten the Trust Fund with insolvency by 2007.

Established in 1965, Medicare provides senior citizens and the disabled with health insurance. Thirty-eight million Americans are enrolled in Illinois. Under Medicare, health providers treat patients and then bill Medicare through regional insurance companies under contract with the government. While the overwhelming majority of providers are honest, the few who choose to submit phony or inflated

bills are having an enormous impact on the program.

Three years ago, in an effort to combat Medicare fraud, the Clinton Administration created the Medicare Trust Fund. The program identified more than \$180 million in illegal Medicare claims and recovered \$23 for every dollar spent. President Clinton's decision to expand the program to 12 additional states is a welcome step in the right direction, but our goal should be nationwide oversight.

Currently, it is simply too easy for unscrupulous health care providers to participate in the Medicare system. As one investigator from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services noted, "It's more difficult to get a cab driver's license in New York than it is for a provider to begin billing Medicare." And there is little follow-up to determine whether Medicare is being billed accurately.

That's why I am introducing legislation to create a zero tolerance enforcement policy to stop Medicare fraud. My bill would require all applications for prospective Medicare providers to defray the cost of verifying their applications and conducting on-site visits at their places of business. Agencies and providers who failed the initial review of would be

prohibited from re-entering the Medicare program for at least one year. New providers would receive a proviso to compensate with permanent application available after one year and a second review at the provider's expense.

The legislation also would suspend payments when substantial evidence of fraud or misrepresentation exists, ensure closed oversight of private contractors used to monitor Medicare providers' claims and expand whistleblowers' rewards for those who expose Medicare fraud to cover not only beneficiaries, but any person who exposes criminal activity.

Alert consumers can also play a role in preventing Medicare fraud by reporting abuse. The Department of Health and Human Services has established a hotline for this purpose. The number is (800) 433-TIPS. Callers, who may remain anonymous, can phone during normal business hours to speak with a trained staff person, not an electronic recording. According to the agency, 5,500 complaints has helped Medicare recover approximately \$6.4 million.

Medicare has given some of our most vulnerable citizens a measure of security for more than 30 years. By fighting Medicare fraud, we will take an important step toward keeping this program healthy well into the 21st century.

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NEWS

MCT expands service to eastern parts of county

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison County Transit District is offering updated bus service on the Highland and Troy express routes.

The expanded service is part of the talk of bus routes by the Madison County Transit District from the Bi-State Development Agency.

The new Highland/Troy Express includes an expanded number of trip options for morning and afternoon work commutes. The timetable offers seven morning trips to meet the needs of commuters going to downtown St. Louis.

Usage from the Highland and Troy areas to downtown St. Louis has been growing consistently since ser-

vice originally began in April 1988," said MCT Chairman Ron Selph. "This new and more convenient service will enable MCT to better serve the transit needs of residents in those communities."

Three extra trips were added to serve the public when the routes begin to work at around 8:30 a.m.

The afternoon schedule was expanded from four to six trips

and includes trips at 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

At yesterday's board meeting, Todd Plesko, director of operations for MCT, said ridership increased by 4.1 percent over last year.

The district took over control of three of the large-passenger bus routes in December. All of the routes are expected to be under MCT control by August, coinciding with the opening of the new new Edwardsville transfer center.

In other transit news, Bi-State spokesman Tom Sturges said the MCT board members that the agency's ridership increased by 4.1 percent over last year.

For the first seven months of the fiscal year, which begins July 1, the said ridership was up to 31.9 million—an increase of 1.3 million.

Bus ridership has increased 6 percent, while Metrolink ridership has remained constant.

"Buses nationwide haven't been doing all that well," he said.

Although there has been no real increase in Metrolink passengers, noted Sturges, last year there were transporting large numbers of baseball fans while the Cardinals were in the playoffs.

He also said Bi-State planned to celebrate its 35th anniversary by holding open houses at various locations in April and May.

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Union blood drive benefit set

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Union has scheduled a benefit blood drive for the families of the workers injured at Anderson Hospital in February.

Michael Isaacs, 44, of Litchfield died March 24 from injuries sustained Feb. 24, and John Williams, electricians

died Tuesday.

A federal investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration continues to look into the incident.

United Steelworkers of America Local 3643, in conjunction with the American Red Cross and the United Way, will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at the Union Hall, 2621 E. Broadway in Alton.

The blood drive is dedicated to the memory of Michael Isaacs.

The drive will also benefit Williams, 49, of Collinsville who is still at St. John's Mercy.

and in need of blood follow-

ing the accident.

Two St. Louis Rams cheerleaders will appear at the drive from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Contributions to Isaacs' family may be made to the Michael Isaacs Benefit Fund, c/o The Bank of Edwardsville, P.O. Box 790, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Services for Isaacs were held Friday, March 27 at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield (see obituary of Paul Isaacs).

Contributions to Williams and his family may be made to the John C. Williams Benefit Fund also at the Bank of Edwardsville.

For more information on the drive, call Cathy Austin at the Union Hall, 465-4247.

(Some information for this story was provided by The Telegraph.)

Vets' workshop set

The state of Illinois will hold an Employment Information Workshop next month in Fairview Heights to give veterans learn about employment opportunities in state government.

"Our goal is to assist veterans in learning about job opportunities with the state government and the employment process," said Michael S. Schwartz, director of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services.

The Employment Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 24 at 1100 W. Fairview Heights, 1100 North Illinois (Rte. 159), in Fairview Heights.

For more information, call the CMS Veterans Outreach Program at (800) 643-8138.

CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's Journal, Sandra Koehler, the owner of Creations by Sandra, was misidentified as being by Sandra, a wedding and party decorating shop, recently celebrated its opening above Tacole along Nameoki Road in Granite City. Also not pictured was Tammy Odom. The Journal regrets the error.

Also, Anthony Nemeth's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of war dead from the Tri-Cities area published last month. Nemeth was killed during World War II. The Journal regrets the error.

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Area sites among only 1,300 nationwide

By Jason White
Staff writer

For 18 years, the Superfund program has been cleaning up the mess of an era when industries and individuals weren't aware of the hazards posed by toxic waste.

Congress passed the Superfund law in December 1980 in response to New York's Love Canal, where hundreds of families fled from a neighborhood built over a hazardous waste site.

About 1,300 sites nationwide have been placed on the Superfund list, the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that up to 30,000 sites have yet to be identified.

"It's a large problem," said Dick Doherty, regional project manager at the U.S. EPA's District 5 office in Chicago.

The first step in the process is for citizens or the EPA to identify a suspected toxic waste site.

Next, the EPA determines the course of action. Some sites need emergency cleanup, while others require long-term study.

The EPA also encourages residents to form Community Advisory Groups, a public forum for those affected by the site.

After establishing a plan, the

EPA contacts the responsible parties and negotiates cleanup costs. The law allows the EPA to order the cleanup if negotiations fail.

"There are a good number of companies that are willing to deal with the problems, and there are others that aren't," Novak said.

If the parties can't be identified, the EPA draws from a trust fund made up of taxes on the chemical industry, the largest private-sector producer of toxic waste.

Often, the trust fund pays for the initial cleanup and the EPA later attempts to recoup the cost through legal action.

Novak said that the sites average an age of 10 years. "A lot of them are at the tail end of the cleanup process," he said.

At the program's onset, officials estimated it would take five years and \$5 billion for Superfund to complete its mission.

But by 1995, the program had spent \$35.6 billion to remove 82 sites from the list, many without any cleanup, according to the Houston Chronicle. About one-third of the sites were in litigation, the newspaper reported.

The key principle of the Superfund law is that polluters are liable for cleanup, even if

the waste disposal was legal at the time and regardless of how long ago the pollution occurred.

Most of the criticism of Superfund came from industry lobbyists, who argued that the law's retroactive liability provision unfairly penalized companies that didn't know their waste was being polluted, or who legally sent waste to a site.

In October 1995, the U.S. EPA implemented a variety of reforms that included:

• Paying for costs associated with insolvent responsible parties. The law required companies to pay the entire cost, regardless of whether they caused all of the contamination.

• Establishing site-specific accounts to ensure that sites receive funds allocated for cleanup.

• Establishing "regional partnerships" to facilitate a direct point of contact for the public.

The Rev. Buck Jones, director of the advocacy group Project Helping Other People Emergency, said he has seen improvements in recent years.

The EPA has made some strides to increase the communication with the people who live in these neighborhoods, he said.

But he added: "We have a

long ways to go."

Much of the concern over Superfund sites involves groundwater contamination, because most hazardous waste is placed underground and eventually seeps into the water table.

Half the U.S. population, and 95 percent of the rural population, gets its water directly from groundwater, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Jones said that has led the EPA to focus its resources on rural areas "they seem to be biased towards urban areas," Jones said. A United Church of Christ study, "Toxic Waste and Race," found that 70 percent of Black people live within a mile of toxic waste sites, but only 13 percent of Superfund sites are in urban areas, Jones said.

A government study found that 1.1 million people in the United States live within one mile of 725 Superfund sites, and 46 percent are women of childbearing age, children or senior citizens, all of whom are especially susceptible to toxins. Jones, also cited newspaper articles that found East Side residents are more likely to die of cancer, heart disease and respiratory illness than any other city in the United States.

Exchange families needed

Globe-Links Around the World is seeking local host families to participate in its exchange visitor programs.

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By Scott Coulter
Staff writer

A man was killed in a collision on Illinois 140 on Highway 1, Interstate 270.

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By Scott Coulter
Staff writer

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NEWS

Man critical after accident on 111By Steve Whitworth
Telegraph staff writer

A man was critically injured in a collision between a tractor-trailer and a car Thursday on Highway 111, just south of Interstate 270.

Kurt Klein was taken by ARCH helicopter ambulance to St. Louis University Medical Center following the crash, which occurred about 1:15 p.m. Thursday in front of the McDonald's restaurant on Hwy. 111.

Klein was listed in critical condition and in surgery on Thursday night, a hospital spokesman said.

Klein was a passenger in a 1994 Chevrolet Corsica driven

by Edward Klein Jr., 74, of St. Louis. Authorities were unable to provide information about Kurt Klein's age or the relationship between the two men.

Edward Klein's car collided with a semi-truck on Pfeiffer Road, just north of the McDonald's, and crossed the southbound lanes of Hwy. 111, a spokesman for the Pontoon Beach Police Department said.

Edward Klein's car was knocked into the ditch, and its passenger cabin was crushed, police said.

Burk, who was driving an empty truck for the Springfield Pallet Co., didn't require medical attention.

Edward Klein was in stable condition Friday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The police spokesman said an investigation showed Burk applied his brakes and skidded

some 100 feet before his rig struck Klein's car on the passenger side. After the collision, the tractor-trailer jackknifed, with the cab coming to rest in the drainage ditch on the passenger side of Hwy. 111 and the trailer still partly on the roadway.

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Village wants to see kids' I.D.By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

For about \$450, the Pontoon Beach Village Board purchased some peace of mind for local parents.

At the request of Lt. Dan McKinney, the police department's juvenile officer, the board approved the purchase of two child identification kits at a cost of \$217.50 per kit.

Each kit includes a camera, backdrop and enough materials for about 150 packets.

"What that program does is encourage the parents to think that their child is missing," McKinney told the board. "It encourages them to get proper safety records for the children like dental and medical."

"Not only does it educate the parents, it provides peace of

mind and gives me a tool I can use."

Showing the board a recent publication on missing children, he said some have gone for 10 years.

"How many here have lost sight of your kids for five or 10 minutes?" he said. "Imagine 10 years, not just five."

"Locally, Pontoon hasn't had that problem, we've had runaways," he said. "Even then, we do not have pictures to go with them, we just know."

He said police hoped to be able to set a day to photograph children and prepare the kits.

It has been tentatively set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 16, in the village hall basement.

McKinney said he and another officer have volunteered their time for the project.

"We're trying to promote awareness of missing children," he said. "The kit, which he said is comparable to a passport, also includes the option for parents of obtaining a record of their child's DNA."

McKinney said DNA is being used more often for identification, most notably by the U.S. military.

In addition, McKinney said they will offer fingerprinting for each child, an adult, any child, and if I can get the babies to sit still long enough, the babies," he said.

"It boils down to about \$1.45 for each one of them," McKinney said. "That's pretty cheap for a little piece of mind."

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HONORS

Maryville University has named Dean's list for their outstanding academic work during the fall

semester:

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Donation for equipment

Wal-Mart Department Manager Trish Hoback, left, presents a check for \$999 to school board member Jeff Parker. The money will be used to purchase new football uniforms and equipment for the Granite City High School Warriors. With them is GCHS head football coach Nick Petrillo, right.

Council amends trash codeBy Scott Kelly
Staff writer

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the Granite City Council amended the city's trash code regarding trash pickup.

The modified code now says that the collection of garbage and refuse from any commercial or industrial premises or from any other residential district is limited to between 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

In addition, the use of any form of "mechanized, motorized or mechanical" vacuuming or sweeping device for

cleaning or sweeping any commercial or industrial driveway or parking lot is restricted to those same hours.

The change came in response to resident complaints of nighttime vacuuming on the Nameoki Road Walgreens parking lot.

In other action, the city council passed a resolution that rejected Charter Communications' proposal to raise cable subscribers rates.

The cable company had proposed in November an assessment of a tax on the city's

franchise fee, as allowed by a recent 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decision. The court had established guidelines that include a franchise fee for the purpose of calculating and paying franchise fees.

The council thought it undesirable to increase its revenue at the expense of households and cable subscribers.

The "tax on a tax" would have increased revenues for the city, but also resulted in a larger monthly cable bill for subscribers.

Lawmakers want passage of tax bill

State Reps. Mike Boland and Mike Smith have urged the Illinois Senate to pass House Bill 314.

Boland, who represents the Granite City area, is chief sponsor of HB 314, and Smith is the chief co-sponsor.

HB 314 passed the State House 76-35 with one voting

present. It had 62 co-sponsors in the House and six in the Senate. The bill raises the cost for those eligible for the state's Breaker program from \$14,000 to annual income to \$30,000 annually, and increases the eligibility age from 65 to 62 and attaches a cost of living provision.

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Man faces more charges for possessing child pornBy Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

Collinsville police have added 11 counts of child pornography to their case against a Staunton man who was charged with one count in December.

Madison County grand jury indicted Donald F. Scott Jr., 31, on 11 counts of possession of child pornography. The charges are Class 4 felonies.

Scott was charged with one count Dec. 23 after sexually explicit photos of children were discovered on a computer he

was using.

Coppotelli said that the technician inadvertently discovered the pornography. It featured several pictures of children, all believed to be between the ages of 10 and 15, in various sexual acts, he said.

The technician called police.

Coppotelli said that police believe the material was purchased from the Internet.

"We don't think he was making stuff," Coppotelli said. "We've been unable to locate any local victims. He probably purchased it on the Internet."

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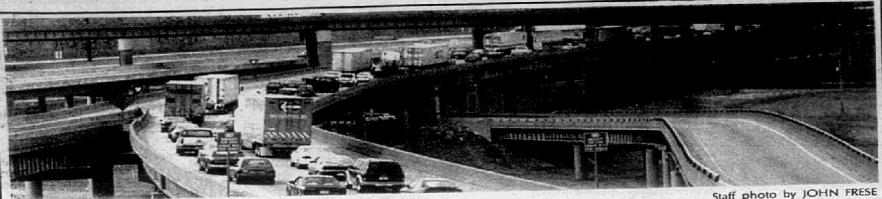
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Traffic havoc

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state 70 in St. Louis was closed, causing the snarled traffic. The man was killed at the end of the standoff. Interstate traffic in Illinois was backed up past Exchange Avenue for a couple of hours past the normal rush-hour time.

Staff photo by JOHN FRESE

Child-care conference to offer advice to providers

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Child-care providers can face a dizzying array of problems, ranging from bureaucracy to sick children. To help them develop necessary skills, several agencies are sponsoring a family child-care conference April 18 at the Collinsville Holiday Inn.

The "Pathways to Professionalism" Family Child Care Conference is sponsored by the Metro-East Home Child Care Association, the Children's Home and the Society of Illinois Child Care Resource & Referral Program, and Illinois Star-net — Region IV.

Bill

(Continued from Page 5A) "This pumping in of extra dollars will mean money spent in local businesses creating more local jobs."

Because this legislation currently is stalemated in the Senate Rules Committee, people

'The first year we had maybe 85 people, which is good, but each year it is getting larger and larger, and people are calling from throughout the state.'

Shari Schwepple-Strelier
training advisor

"We try to do this every year," said Shari Schwepple-Strelier, training and technical assistance advisor of CHASIS's CCR&R program. "This is our fourth year."

"It's a fun time," she said.

The conference is geared

toward home-based child-care providers. Most can be licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services for up to eight children.

In Illinois they are not required training except CPR and first aid," Schwepple-Strelier said.

Programs range from "Making Sense of Subsidy," dealing with the state's new subsidized

need to call their Senators and tell them to let this important bill out of committee for a vote," said Boland.

For more information, contact Boland at 605 17th Ave., Suite 2; East Moline, IL, 61244, or call (309) 752-7171.

A dramatic Way of the Cross, "We Were There," will be at 7:30 p.m. April 7 at the Church of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.

The cost of the conference is \$25 and includes three sessions, lunch and access to resource materials.

For information call CHASIS's CCR&R program at 452-8900 or 1-800-467-9200, extension 124.

Admission is free.

For more information, call June Bricker at the Shrine at 397-6700.

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Hassler, Unger promoted to BANK of Edwardsville board

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Hassler has served as chairman of the board of Omni Bank in Pontoon Beach since 1994. Unger has 22 years of experience in the banking industry and has been Omni's president since 1994. The two were named to The BANK's board after the recent acquisition of Omni by The Bank of Edwardsville Corp.

Hassler joined the Omni

Bank board of directors in 1989 and serves on the loan, marketing and strategic planning committees of the board. He

retired in 1985 from his State Farm Insurance Agency in Granite City, which he established and has operated since 1958.

Unger has been with Omni since its opening in 1991 and has served as president since April of 1994. He is a University of Illinois graduate and has a law degree. He has been a member of the Sangamon State University Board of Directors since 1994. The American Banker's Association, Illinois Bankers Association, Illinois Lending School and has served in several lending and managerial banking positions in Central Illinois and St. Louis.

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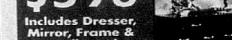
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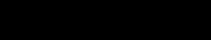
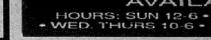
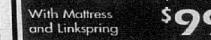
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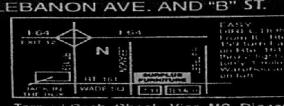
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NEWS

SIUE debates cloning issue

By Paul Mackie

Telegraph staff writer
Mark Bolyard is not in favor of human cloning, but his interest in the topic has been peaked as it draws nearer to becoming a reality.

Bolyard, an associate professor of biological sciences at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He asked students many questions about human cloning, which has not been to happen yet, at a Chancellor's Colloquium last Tuesday at Woodland Hall.

"Think about what physically defines a human being," he said. "Are we human?" he said. "If a person has received a pig heart (in a transplant), is the person still a human?"

Students gathered in groups in an attempt to answer what the exact definition of a human is. Most of their answers focused on the different brain activity between humans and other animals, such as the ability to reason, be creative and be introspective.

"I think there's a certain subset of people who want to create life, either to want to become God or they see no need for God," Bolyard said.

He said some scientists are in favor of human cloning because of the opportunity to

control human evolution, rather than leaving the process to chance and selection.

"I think there's a certain subset of people who want to create life, either to want to become God or they see no need for God," Bolyard said.

He said many reasons have been suggested by the scientific community as to why human cloning would be good.

But he added that none of the suggestions would actually be the cloning of humans as defined by the scientists.

One suggestion is that "brainless" individuals could be produced and used at organ farms, where organs could be removed from the brainless bodies for transplant.

"I think there's a certain subset of people who want to create life, either to want to become God or they see no need for God."

Mark Bolyard

Cloning became a hot topic a few years ago when a scientist in Scotland cloned a sheep, Bolyard said. The definition of cloning is "the genetically identical cells or organisms derived from a single cell or through asexual reproduction or cell division."

Bolyard said a lot of criticism has arisen lately because, "The (first sheep) is no longer around to compare that sheep with the cloned one. Plus, nobody has been able to repeat (cloning)."

He said it takes many attempts before a cloning ever becomes a success.

Bolyard said there's a possibility that failed attempts at cloning may produce "beasts."

"To do that," Bolyard said, "You take cells from the skin and an egg from a donor, and transfer the DNA (from the skin) into the egg cell. You then allow it to develop into a certain stage and plant it in the mother to be born."

HOWTO...

Make a smart carpet purchase

Carpeting is a basic element of any new home or remodeling project, yet many seasoned builders are not aware of what differentiates one piece of carpet from another. Here we present basic information on carpet styles and construction, judging quality and durability, and choosing the right carpet for each room.

Carpet Construction

There are several methods of manufacturing carpet, but over 90 percent of the broadloom carpet made in America is tufted.

Tufted Carpet is manufactured on a high-speed machine that stretches big loops of yarn through a backing fabric. Next a latex coating is applied to lock the loops in place. A secondary backing material is then added for additional strength and stability.

Backing Basics

All carpet has a backing of some type. It is the material that holds the surface yarns together, providing a solid foundation for the carpet. Polypropylene is the most common. It is strong, durable, resists mildew, and is well suited for humid climates. In some carpets the secondary backing material is foam. While not as strong, no additional underpad is needed, and it must be glued down. Jute is a natural plant fiber that is strong, durable and resilient.

Carpet Styles

There really is no limit to the number and types of carpet styles available. We simplify carpet into four broad groups. Plush carpet has a dense level-cut pile of about a half inch or less. Plush carpets show vacuum tracks and footprints. Textured carpet has twisted tufts that mask vacuum tracks and footprints. Both are suitable for use throughout a home. Prints typically have a large scale.

In recent years, printed carpets have become increasingly popular for kitchens and family rooms, home offices, play rooms and basements. Berbers are either level loop or multi-level loop carpets, constructed from randomly dyed yarns. They are suited for informal rooms and high-traffic areas, like family rooms.

Carpet Fibers and Yarns

The carpet fiber affects the appearance, performance and value of a carpet. During the manufacturing process, the fiber is converted to yarn, which is then tufted to form the pile—the surface you walk on. Most carpets are made entirely of one fiber type, but some styles contain a blend.

Nylon is the ideal carpet fiber. It has outstanding durability, performance, resilience and appearance. Olefin is less resilient than nylon. When used in traffic areas, it shows wear quickly. Polyester is a good fiber because it resists moisture or in tight-loop-pile commercial carpets. Polyester carpets are soft to the touch, but less durable than nylon. Polyester is best for low traffic areas where style is the main criterion. Wool is a natural material that produces beautiful carpets.

More important than the fiber itself is the yarn construction. Continuous filament yarn is extruded as a solid piece of yarn. Cut pile carpet is made of shorter pieces of extruded fiber which have been spun together to form a longer yarn. If you scratch your nails down over a piece of staple-yarn carpet, you'll accumulate a pile of lint and fuzz. Continuous filament carpet will not pill, shed lint or fuzz. Additionally, continuous filament carpet is less likely to mat or crush.

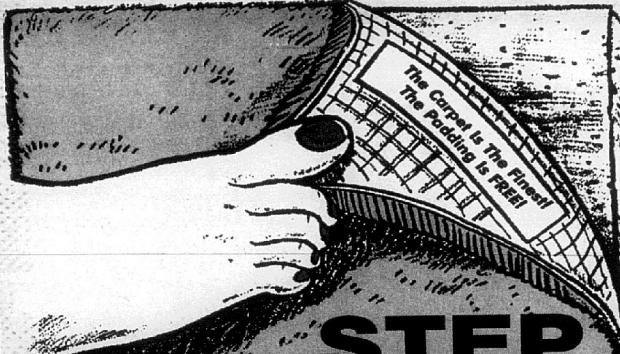
Choosing the Right Color

It is best to think of a house as a collective whole, rather than a series of unrelated rooms. The goal is to use carpeting to help create visual continuity throughout. Colors themselves are real, natural and taste good. There are some practical guidelines. Light-colored carpets will show soil and grease, but hide lint and crumbs. Conversely, dark-colored carpets will show lint and crumbs, but hide soil and grease. Textured and printed carpets are very effective at hiding all types of soil.

Quality and Durability

While the specific merits of a particular carpet can be best explained by a knowledgeable dealer, there are some basic principles to keep in mind. A carpet will be strongest if its original fiber is continuous filament. Nylon, continuous filament carpets are the strongest, most resilient carpets available. The tighter the yarn is twisted, the better it will retain its appearance. Check the density of the carpet. With the tufts facing outward, bend the carpet into a "U" and see how much of the backing shows. The more dense the carpet, the less backing you will see. Finally, always deal with an established firm with a reputation for standing behind their work.

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Funds move ahead for area roadways

By Dennis Grubaugh
Telegraph staff writer

Two local highway projects have received a financial boost from a U.S. House transportation committee.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee last week approved \$400 million for use on Illinois 159 in the Edwardsville area and \$2.5 million for land acquisition needed for the extension of Interstate 270 from Illinois Route 140 to Fosterville Road.

The office of U.S. Rep. John Shimkus announced the funding Wednesday. Shimkus said the 20th Congressional District could receive \$20 million as part of the six-year bill.

The money represents just a "drop" of what is needed on the bypass and needs to be approved by a conference committee of both the U.S. Senate and House, the full House, the Senate, and finally the President. Officials at both state and federal levels are optimistic that the money will eventually materialize.

"We get it drop here and a drop there, but when you have a bucket," said Dick Smith, assistant to the director for policy and federal affairs for the Illinois Department of Transportation. "We are optimistic."

Smith said the Illinois 159 funds could be used anywhere along 159, from Illinois 140 in Edwardsville to just south of the county line at Collinsville.

Shrine restaurant manager appointed chairman

Chuck Schmacher, general manager of the Shrine restaurant in Belleville, has been appointed chairman of the 48th annual Midwestern Food Service and Equipment Exposition, which will be April 5-6 at the Grand World Dome at America's Center in St. Louis.

This is the largest regional food-service show in the Midwest and is sponsored by the Missouri Restaurant Association, food-service and hospitality operators from Missouri,

SEMO cites students

Southern Missouri State University has named students to its list for academic achievement during the fall 1997 semester.

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Try to influence someone else's day

"Judge each day not by the seeds that you sow, but by the fruits that you bear." — Robert Louis Stevenson

What you deliver with one hand, you will gather with two. It is the natural law of the universe, the alpha (beginning) and omega (end). A good friend, health and happiness that you share, with others will come back full circle to you. Everything that goes around, comes around.

Positive influencing another's life will make your own life brighter as a result. Giving to others without a thought of payment or reward can help to make the world a better place. You, your family and your fellow human beings. One person can make a difference.

We will reap exactly what we sow, good or evil. Every good deed will bring good results and bad will bring bad results. Know that, "Whatever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" as states in Corinthians 7:6.

God is able to make all things come to you, so in as much as you do for others, as an expression of blessings and talents that He has bestowed upon you.

Sharing unconditional love onto others. Love was not put into your heart to stay, but it was made to be given away.



Catherine Galasso

Bring a ray of sunshine to others. Bake cookies for a classroom treat, share a book with a friend that means much to you or have tea with a person who has no company. Mail a card to someone who needs a friend to help him or her.

That day brightened.

Teach children to perform good deeds. On a snowy day, encourage them to shovel a neighbor's driveway or walk, while they are on vacation or to donate a part of their allowance to needy charity. Discuss with the child the importance of giving and doing for others.

Get involved in the community. "I go to a convalescent homes and play the accordion," one amateur musician said. "I play the accordion along and the music cheers them up. It makes me feel so good to see them happy."

Your deeds don't have to be elaborate. Grocery shop for the elderly, wash their car, dry, go to the bank or pay bills for an older person. Offer to drive a neighbor to the doctor if they are having medical tests taken.

It makes a person feel good to help those in need. A recent study revealed that people who did volunteer work at least once a week, out-lived those who did none. That implies that doing something for another is a powerful contributor to health and a long life.

The memory of your good deeds can be eternal. When we leave this world, let our legacy be that we left it in a better place than when we found it. "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it," wrote William James.

For more information on the benefit, call the Jaycees at 877-4250.

The GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT'S Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 4 at Sylvan Field in Marion Park, for preschool through first grade only. Each child must bring a container. Tickets are \$10 for preschool, \$12 for kindergarten, \$15, and preschool 10. For more information, call 877-3059.

The benefit is set for 7 p.m. on May 31. Lawn and reserved seats \$27.50. Lawn tickets are on sale at 5 p.m. April 3.

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LeAnn Rimes and Bryan White, 8 p.m. August 16. Lawn tickets, \$17.50; reserved seats, \$27.50. Lawn tickets on sale now; reserved seats on sale April 4.

Tickets are available at the Riverport box office or at more than 40 Capital Tickets outlets, including Famous Bands and StreetSide Records, or by phone at 692-8000.

The Gregg Smith Singers choral group will appear at 7:30 p.m. April 24 at SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT EDWARDVILLE, 1000 University.

The three-time Grammy Award-winning mixed choir is one of the most recorded singing groups and one of the few professional choirs still on tour in the United States.

The concert, featuring 16 singers, will take place in SIUE's Community Auditorium.

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NEWS

Train hits man on Chain of RocksBy Scott Kelly
Staff writer

A Madison man was injured Thursday when his car was hit by a slow-moving train.

Glen W. Jackson, 88, of the 1500 block of Second Street, was driving eastbound on East Chain of Rocks Road in Mitchell when an Alton and Southern train was backing up according to the Illinois State Police.

A flagman was stopping traffic for the train, which was moving at a slow hour, and the crossing's crossbuck warning lights were flashing. The crossing is just west of Douglas Place, and immediately west

of Luna Cafe.

Sometime after noon, according to police, Jackson drove past the warning lights and his 1988 Ford Taurus was struck by the tail end of a flatbed car being pushed by an Alton and Southern train.

Jackson's car was hit on the passenger side and was pushed 45 feet north along the tracks state police said.

Jackson was the car's only occupant. He was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. John Mohl, hospital spokesman, said Jackson suffered a fractured head trauma, and was held overnight for observation. Mohl said as of Friday afternoon Jackson was still admitted and in in

stable condition. The train's engineer will probably not receive any disciplinary action, said Larry Stuart, general claims manager for the railroad company.

"From what I gather from the police report, the operator of the train was doing his job properly," Stuart said.

The flatbed was part of a short train that consisted of the A&S engine, a second Alton and Southern engine and two Union Pacific engines bound for East St. Louis.

(Some information for this story was provided by The Telegraph.)

Madison seeks Class of '78

The Madison High School Class of '78 is trying to contact class members. We are also extending the invitation to anyone who would have graduated in the Class of '78 to join us as well.

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By Becky Vollmer
Telegraph staff writer

Hoping to stop minors from purchasing liquor over the Internet, state Rep. Jay Hoffman is co-sponsoring legislation that would curb the direct shipment of alcohol.

Hoffman, joined by legislators on both sides of the aisle, said the new law would require that all alcohol purchases be sent to a distributor through a "three-tier system" — from manufacturer to distributor to retailer.

That would provide additional safeguards to make sure consumers are of legal drinking age and that applicable taxes are paid, he said.

"The Internet has created a new avenue for all kinds of information and products, including alcoholic beverages," said Hoffman, D-Collingsville. "Unfortunately, it is nearly impossible to control."

Direct shipping of alcohol through the Internet and direct mail enables children to simply click a mouse or call a toll-free number and

have a delivery truck drop off liquor while their parents are at work.

Legislators are basing their bipartisan support to pass the measure. Hoffman said that more than 35 lawmakers already have signed on to the bill. Organizations including the Associated Diners, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois State Police and Mothers Against Drunk Driving also support the proposal, he said.

"Mothers against Drunk Driving has been very alarmed by the ease at which persons under 21 can purchase alcohol over the Internet," said Brad Fralick, executive director of MADD's Illinois chapter.

"This legislation will put a stop to this practice and eliminate one of the easiest avenues for underage drinkers to obtain their alcohol."

Li. David Bradford, chief of investigations for the Edwardsville Police Department, said he has not heard of minors buying alcohol over the Internet here.

"Nothing like that has come across our desk," Bradford said.

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

The Illinois General Assembly is considering a bill that will keep dangerous criminals behind bars longer.

But Belleville defense attorney John O'Gara said Thursday he believes Senate Bill 1425 — which would reinstate truth-in-sentencing — is a misnomer.

"It's politicians trying to make an appearance that they are being tough on crime,"

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NEWS

Reform Party has tough time at primaries

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

For those who have waited all this time, Reform Party voters in Madison County chose Steve Denari in a March 17 squeaker over Don A. Torgersen by an 8-7 vote in the party's primary for the U.S. Senate.

Statewide results, as far as the Reform Party goes, will have to await the official canvass April 6, and that's a problem for people such as Lee Presser of Glen Car-

Presser, a Reform Party voter, said his party is being treated like a group of second-class citizens by election officials and the media.

Presser said election judges in Madison County did not appear prepared to record the votes of Reform Party members on Election Day, nor has the media made a sufficient effort to report them.

"It's the un-party," said Dawn Larson, the chairwoman of the Party Building Committee of the Reform Party of the U.S.A.

When he walked into the polling place and asked for the ballot, the election judge was in shock," Presser said.

It took several minutes and a call to Edwardsville to figure out how to allow Presser to vote, he said.

Larson, 35, was in Edwardsville on Monday, said the Associated Press did not bother to publish results of the Reform Party races.

"They said they would provide complete results but covered only two of three pri-

Asthma summer camp offered

Children with asthma don't have to sit home this summer and experience thanks to the American Lung Association of Illinois' Camp Superkids program.

Camp Superkids program will be Aug. 3-8 at Camp Tapawingo in Metamora. Asthmatic children between the ages of eight and 12 who live outside of Cook County and are on daily medications are eligible to attend camp.

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maries," she said. "It's disappointing. There are people, including those in the Democratic and Republican parties, who want to know the results."

Presser said the lack of coverage in a result of laziness on the part of the Associated Press and failure to understand the legitimate nature of the Reform Party's standing in politics.

Larson, of Aurora, was in the area attempting to build up the local party structure.

She pointed out that the U.S. Senate candidate from her party has a chance to take 10 percent of the vote and an outside chance of winning. The candidate could create a swing toward one party or the other.

A total of 17 people out of about 34,000 voters who went to the polls in Madison County last Tuesday took out Reform Party ballots, County Clerk Mark Von Nida said.

He said the election judge referred to by Presser may have been shocked at the appearance of the Reform Party voter.

Philomena Nicali, who is the party's top vote-getter with 14. She ran unopposed for the lieutenant governor spot on the ballot. Lawrence Redmond, the unopposed governor candidate, got only 13 votes. Von Nida said seven people voted in the three parties submitted blank ballots.

For attorney general, Daniel J. Kalaris lost to Jesse Dowell Jr. on a 9-5 vote.

Sandra Millatti beat out Maryam Omar for the secretary of state spot by a vote of 9-6. The treasurer's race ended in a 7-7

tie between Valerie Bain and William P. Rakes.

Nevertheless, Von Nida said he tried to make sure the Reform Party vote was taken and recorded fairly.

"I provided special Reform Party ballots and held five training sessions for election judges. The result of many of the polls were covered," he said.

The county clerk said he did not provide separate ballot booths for the Reform Party because so few voters were anticipated, and it would have cost \$1,000 to provide the added equipment.

"I think the results that my decision was vindicated," he said, adding that his staff worked very hard to tabulate the results in a timely manner.

Von Nida said Reform Party results were available from Madison County, along with results from the other parties and from the partition voting.

The lack of coverage of the Associated Press reflected an apparent lack of interest in the party's voting, said John Dowling, news editor for the Associated Press in Chicago.

He said the wire service had correspondents posted in all counties on Election Night, but not all counties had Reform Party results available. Therefore, partial results would have been meaningless, he said.

It was a matter of news judgment. As far as what our members wanted, the Reform Party results were at the bottom of the pole," Dowling said.

Madison golf links could see visit from the Tiger

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Gateway National Golf Links will host four St. Louis golf courses vying for the first 1998 Tiger Woods Foundation Junior Golf Clinic and Exhibitions.

On Tuesday, the St. Louis Sports Commission announced the clinic would be held June 27-30 at a course to be determined.

However, Madison city officials said the new golf course — slated to open either in May or June — is one of four possible sites for the clinic.

St. Louis' bid — submitted by the Sports Commission

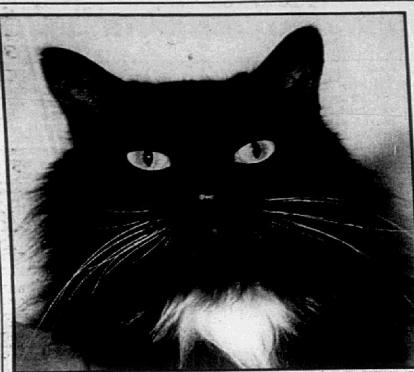
was one of four selected by the TWF based on demonstrated support for golf for inner-city youth as well as the community's ability to support the event.

The four-day clinic will feature Tiger Woods giving a half-hour lesson, 25 golfers selected from the community, and minority golf instructors will teach an additional 100. Following the clinic, 2,500 kids from local organizations and after-school programs will enjoy an exhibition and discussion led by Woods where he will speak about his experiences, answer questions from the children and give a hitting demonstration.

In addition, Tiger Woods' father Earl Woods — author of "Training the Tiger: A Father's Guide to Raising a Winner in Both Golf and Life" — will speak to children, parents and adult mentors on the values of parenting and golf in a special session titled "Caring and Sharing."

The clinic will also offer a celebrity fund-raising auction and a series of workshops led at various sites.

Participants in the clinics and exhibitions will be chosen by the Tiger Woods Foundation and will center on inner-city organizations and community organizations which help underprivileged kids.



Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.

Pet of the week

This 8-year-old neutered male, named Sidney, is among many homeless animals available for adoption from the Metro East Humane Society. A domestic long hair, he is good with kids and other cats and very sweet. To adopt Sidney, (Card #C-188) apply in person at the shelter, 8495 Illinois 143, Edwardsville, or call 656-4405.

Kids get taste of culture

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

From dances to demonstrations, students at Grant Middle School got a little taste of different cultures recently at their annual Multicultural Day.

"It's really fun," said Jolene Washick, a eighth-grade student at Grant. "There is a lot of participation and it keeps the kids interested."

From Africa to Hawaii and Japan to Mexico, presentations on the different cultures' heritages and customs were given to the fourth- through eighth-graders at the school.

Multicultural Day began about two years at Grant, said teacher Debbie Brewer, director of Multi-Cultural Day.

"I think kids today are much more aware of the world than

they were 30 years ago," Brewer said.

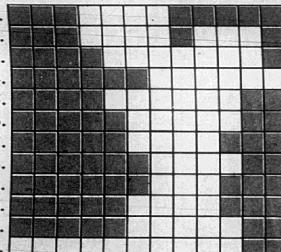
Brewer said the Multicultural Day has expanded to more than a one-day activity. Now, students have had various speakers and projects throughout the year to work on and learn more about different ethnicities.

Students traced their heritage back to the country of their birth. Last fall, Brewer said, different speakers and projects throughout the year to work on and learn more about different ethnicities.

"We have resource booklets that each team of teachers incorporated into their regular curriculum," Brewer said. "We've made a few changes this year and I think the students are more interested in their culture."

Using the clue sentence, fill in the blanks for baseball fun. The letters listed may fall at any point of the word.

- 1.
- 2.
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1. A ball that is hit out of bounds
2. When a batter hits a ball over the fence
3. Player throwing the ball from the mound
4. When a player fails to connect the bat with the ball
5. One in charge of calling balls & strikes
6. All leather and five fingers
7. The bat strikes this
8. Vocal encouragement
9. Long skinny object made of wood
10. There are four on the field
11. Horizontal position for reaching base
12. One who can catch a fly ball that's hit past the infield

ANSWERS: 1. foul 2. home run 3. pitcher 4. strike 5. umpire 6. glove 7. maul 8. bat 9. bat 10. base 11. slide 12. outfielder

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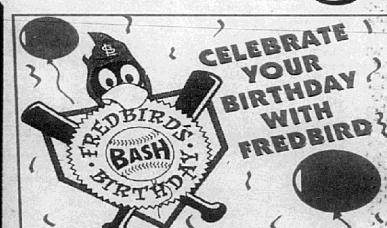
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Notes from postseason basketball tournaments.

When Illinois State University lost to top-seeded Arkansas in the second round of the NCAA's West Regional, the outcome may have appeared to be a low note for Redskins coach Kevin Stallings.

The win that ISU trailed 30-27 at halftime and actually pulled to a 32-32 tie early in the second half before wearing down. More important is the first-round victory, an upset of Tennessee, that gave the Redskins a school record 25 wins in a season.

With a 25-6 record, all Collinsville native Stallings did was reinforce the credentials that make him the annual target of larger schools seeking a new coach.

By coincidence, it was an offer from Tennessee last year that got Stallings getting a \$100,000 raise from ISU for a current salary at \$250,000.

While Stallings has been quoted as saying he's completed my expectation that I'll be back as the Illinois State (men's) basketball coach next year," he also has said, "I'm like any other honest American who's something that interests me, like happened a couple of times in the last year, then there will be a conversation."

Overline

St. Louis not only was the site of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament last week, Illinois' state basketball team beat Valparaiso, the Cinderella team of the men's postseason.

Years ago, this scribe was familiar with St. Louis during my basketball-playing days in the Indiana Collegiate Conference, of which my alma mater (St. Joseph's of Indiana) was a member. Something I do not know, though, is that Orville Redenbacher, that late popcorn king, was a native of Valparaiso...

While Valpo benefitted from two transfers from a Lithuanian association — the value of a transfer was equally evident this year at Quincy High, where 6-foot-6 Luis Ruiz of Puerto Rican team the Blue Devils' past four-time Class AA boys' champ Peoria Manual into the state finals in Peoria.

Rivas, who gained TIP honors, in a 48-45 Collinsville/Saints Holiday Classic, tallied 30 points in a 72-52 rout of Manual in the Normal Super-Sectional at the ISU Redbird Arena.

If East St. Louis Lincoln coach Bernie Lewis moaned about the disparity in fouls in his loss to Centralia at Carbondale's Super-Sectional, I wonder what he would have said

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Special to the Journal

More than 700 female high school track athletes from across the Midwest will converge on East St. Louis this Friday and Saturday for the Jackie Joyner-Kersee East St. Louis Relays.

The event includes a "Winning in Life" motivational session with Jackie Joyner-Kersee and other top athletes on Friday, and track-and-field competition on Saturday. The top senior participant in the relays will receive a \$5,000 scholarship presented by the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Gold Medal Club and sponsored by Ronald McDonald House Charities. The recipient must be a graduating senior and carry a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher.

What makes the JJK East St. Louis Relays unique is Friday's motivational session, set for 4-6 p.m., at Lincoln Senior High School, 1211 Bond Ave. The



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

East St. Louis Lincoln junior Rita Adams helped the Tigerettes reach the IHSA Class AA championship game.

Tigerettes' Adams chases her dreams

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Rita Adams, the spunky point guard who led the East St. Louis Lincoln Tigerettes to a second place finish in the Class AA girls state basketball tournament three weeks ago, is the Player of the Year in Class AA girls basketball for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois.

Adams edged backcourt partner Lakiesha Cole for the coveted award selected in a poll of Metro East Class AA girls basketball coaches.

But Adams is more than a scrappy defender and a savvy general. She is also a dreamer.

"I always had a dream of going out as state champions," Adams confessed. "I know that was Lincoln's last year, and we wanted to go out with the winning prize. The Player of the Year honor is really nice, but I'd trade it for one more win at the state tournament."

ALL-JOURNAL BASKETBALL

CLASS AA GIRLS
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Rita Adams, East St. Louis Lincoln
FIRST TEAM
Danielle Lawary, Belleville West
Leah Fornier, Alton East
Leanne Tyler, O'Fallon
Jacque Wooley, Edwardsville
Lakiesha Cole, East St. Louis Lincoln
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Adams did her part, scoring 36 points in four state tournament games, including a 35-point performance against the highly favored Taylorville in the Salem Super-Sectional. Adams, who is the defensive heart of the team, drew the dubious honor of guarding All-American Alison Curtin in that game.

"Alison Curtin was, without question, the toughest person I have ever guarded in my life," said Adams.

Curtin, who averaged 29 points per game on the year, scored 32 against Lincoln. Still, Adams was one of the few players in the last four years

to actually outscore Curtin in head-to-head game competition.

"Rita is the key to our defense," said Tigerettes coach Charles McDonald. "She has such great talent and makes such great decisions. Our offense is built off of defense. And the reason Rita and Keisha (Cole) had such good years offensively for us is because of the job they did on defense, especially Rita."

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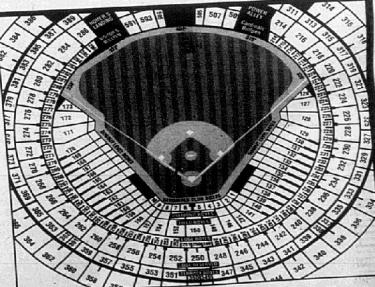
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Joyner-Kersee is working hard to help provide area youth with the opportunity to develop the tools of an athletic and social life needed to succeed in today's world. The Jackie Joyner-Kersee Youth Center Foundation plans to break ground in June for a youth center at Interstate 64 and St. St. in the heart of East St. Louis. The center will offer recreation activities like tennis, computer skills training, field trips, community service projects, recreation and sports, as well as cultural arts activities and events.

The Jackie Joyner-Kersee Gold Medal Club is teaming with Ronald McDonald House Charities to offer scholarships totaling \$49,900 to graduating seniors in East St. Louis and throughout St. Clair and Madison counties.

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Houston takes helm at MacMurray College

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

It has been seven years since Joshua Houston played soccer for Gene Baker at Granite City High School.

From there, Houston went via a four-year scholarship to Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., where he played soccer from 1989-92, serving as team captain his senior season. Also as a senior, Houston was taken into the team all-conference soccer selection.

A 1992 graduate of GCHS, Houston spent the six academic years as a communications instructor at Illinois University in Macomb. He also served as the school's assistant coach in men's soccer.

Recently, Houston was named the new head coach of the women's soccer team at MacMurray in Jacksonville. He will also serve as the school's assistant director of intramurals.

"Josh has a great soccer background, having played for a soccer power at Granite City High School and then playing in college at Culver-Stockton," said MacMurray Athletic Director Albert Gay. "He also has a brief, but effective coaching career in men's soccer. He is young and energetic."

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and the tradition I'll probably get to be a part of at MacMurray.

MacMurray is a 151-year-old liberal arts institution, with a highly successful men's soccer program. But women's soccer at MacMurray is only 7 years old, and the first six years have been a bumpy road.

"The key factor working against building a successful program at MacMurray has been the instability Houston says. "The program is seven years old and I'm the fourth coach. You can't recruit that way. High school coaches just aren't going to direct their graduating players to a school where they don't know who's going to be coaching there in two years. So, we're trying to stabilize things and as we do, build a winning program that can rival that of the men's."

If anyone can make it happen, it's Houston, who is focused on what needs to be done and committed to getting it done.

"We lost six players off a

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ALL-JOURNAL GIRLS BASKETBALL (CLASS AA)

Five different teams represented on first team

The following players join East St. Louis Lincoln's Rita Adams as members of the JNSI All-Journal girls basketball team:

FIRST TEAM

Danielle Lawary, Belleville West, a two-year senior and a three-year varsity veteran, Lawary averaged 18.9 points and 10.9 rebounds per game. The 6-foot junior was the Maroons' leading scorer and rebounder in all but one game while shooting 62.5 percent from the field and 68 percent from the free-throw line.

"Danielle was dependable and a lot but she was our go-to person," said West coach Larry Betz. "We expected a lot out of her and she responded very well."

"She picked up her intensity this year." She improved her shooting and played a little harder on defense."

A three-sport standout, Lawary is an all-area volleyball player and a three-time state qualifier in the discus.

"Danielle is a gifted athlete and has a lot of success in just about everything she does. I'm looking forward to seeing her again next year," said her coach.

"She's a little better supporting cast. She's in a position where she could be our all-time leading scorer by the time she graduates."

Lawary is No. 8 on West's career scoring list with 882 points.

Amy Rakers is first with 1,293. She is sixth on the school's all-time rebounding list with 810.

Lawary earned special mention as all-state honors from the Champaign News-Gazette and was an honorable mention all-state selection by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Leah Frierson, Belleville East, with fellow senior Jessica Jackson, was one of the top players or less than 100 percent due to injuries. Frierson emerged as the Lancers' top player. A two-year starter, the 6-0 forward averaged 17.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

"She did a tremendous job greatest athlete ever at O'Fallon," Haas said. "She worked hard to track for track in college, but she hasn't decided where to go."

Jacque Wooley, Edwardsville, a senior guard, Wooley was a three-year varsity starter for Edwardsville. She concluded a brilliant career with

and led the team in just about every offensive category," said East coach Paul James. "Her free-throw percentage went up from 58 to 71 percent and her field goal percentage went up to 51 percent. She led us in steals, assists and points and until Jessica came back, she was averaging in double figures in every category."

"When Jessica was out, she was basically playing with four other kids — two freshmen and two sophomores — she had not played with at all. She did an excellent job of being patient with them and keeping their spirits up during the game. She never got frustrated."

"She's signed with BAC (Belleville Area College) for next season. She had some offers, but she can step in and be a big-time player on the junior college level right away."

Jamie Tyler, O'Fallon: A 6-2 senior, Tyler was a two-year starter and a three-year varsity regular. She ends her prep career as the Panthers' all-time leading scorer with 1,131 points and a 48.5 percent shooting average. She averaged 18.7 points and 9.8 rebounds per game while leading OTHS to a 22-7 record.

"She also led the team in steals," said coach Jim Haas. "She's most noteworthy for her scoring ability and her ability to step out and shoot the 15-footer and she runs the floor well."

"This year she learned to work harder in the evenings so we could get the ball to her. Teams were keying on her. Everyone knew who she was."

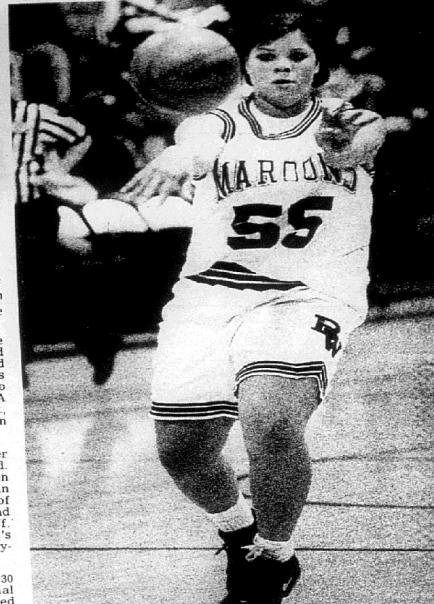
Tyler is the defending Class AA state champion in the high jump and an earned all-area honors in volleyball.

"Arguably, she could be the greatest athlete ever at O'Fallon," Haas said. "She worked hard to track for track in college, but she hasn't decided where to go."

Jacque Wooley, Edwardsville: A senior guard, Wooley was a three-year varsity starter for Edwardsville. She concluded a brilliant career with

19.4 points, 4.8 rebounds, 5 assists and a pair of steals each game.

"When our offense and defense are working, it's because of the job being done by Rita Adams," said McDon-



Belleville East senior Leah Frierson (left) stood tall for the Lancers while a young quartet surrounded her; O'Fallon senior Jamie Tyler (right) became the program's all-time leading scorer.

The Tigers as the program's sixth all-time leading scorer with 633 career points, first team Sectional Conference selection. Wooley averaged 14 points and 6.3 assists a game against league opponents.

Wooley, who is also an outstanding softball player, plans to attend Lindenwood University to play softball next spring, but has told coach Bud Vallino that she would like to play basketball too at the college in St. Charles (Mo.).

"We are going to truly miss her, mainly because we were very seldom ever bothered in the last three years with the ball coming to her," Vallino said. "She handles the ball exceptionally well and she has exceptional speed. She has done an outstanding job for us at Edwardsville High."

"She really just matured and became what I would call a solid ballplayer," Vallino said. "She has gotten progressively better and better."

LaKeisha Cole, East St. Louis: Cole, a second-

team all-state selection by the Associated Press, averaged 20.4 points, 4.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists for coach Charles McDonald's Tigelettes, who finished second in the IHSA Class AA state tournament, losing to defending champion Wilmette Loyola 62-48.

"Keisha is the best shooter on the team," said McDonald. "After I got to take the open jump shot, and she has done an excellent job this year of knowing when to shoot and knowing when to pass off. When she's on her game, she's among the best offensive players in the state."

Cole, a senior who scored 30 points in Lincoln's sectional final triumph against favored Mount Vernon, led the Tigelettes in scoring in the state championship game, netting 22 points, despite sitting out

the second half. Cole and teammate Rita Adams — the Class AA Girls Basketball Player of the Year for the Journal News — of Southeast Illinois — form, perhaps, the finest 1-2 punch in the state.

"There may have been a few teams in Illinois that had one

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guard better than either Rita or LaKeisha," said McDonald.

Second team

Autumn Dow, Collinsville; Jessica Jackson, Belleville East; Jada Hogg, Edwardsville; Erica Werner, Edwardsville; Deeky Black, Alton.

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Adams plays hard and often in the off-season, teaming up with Cole on a St. Louis AAU team coached by her father, Eddie. As long as she can remember, basketball has been a part of her life.

And she does not want that to change.

"I want to go to college, major in math and play basketball," Adams said. "But beyond that, I have a dream. My dream is to one day play in the WNBA. I know that like all dreams it will take hard work, but I'm willing to do the work to get there. We make our own dreams."

Rita Adams
Lincoln junior

being Player of the Year. But, soon, it will be back to work. Back to chasing dreams.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf league

The Cardinal Creek Women's Golf Association will begin its season at 9:30 a.m. March 31 with an organizational sign-up coffee at the Cardinal Creek Golf Course Clubhouse at Scott Air Force Base.

Any woman who is eligible to play at Cardinal Creek Golf Course is eligible for membership in the association. The group meets to play golf each Tuesday morning from April through the end of September. Members can play either nine or 18 holes.

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Q. How many players were called up from the CBA to the NBA last year (1996-1997)?

A. _____

Q. What former Missouri star is currently playing with the Quad City Thunder in the CBA?

A. _____

Q. What current NBA coach has won the NBA championship, coached in the CBA?

A. _____

Q. How many NBA teams have at least one former CBA player on their team this year?

A. _____

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Close championship sparks memories of tight title games

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Chicago Whitney Young's 61-56 victory against Galesburg in last weekend's Class AA state championship game was the most exciting title game since 1994, and one of four do-or-die contests finished among large schools since class division occurred following the 1971 season.

The game brought to mind some other great classics.

In perhaps the greatest championship game in the tournament's 91-year history, East St. Louis Lincoln outlasted Peoria Central 59-57 in triple overtime for the 1989 Class AA title.

With the two-time defending state champions East St. Louis Lincoln going 26-23 ahead with the greatest favorites, the Lincoln-Central clash promised a lot. And it delivered. It may have been the greatest state tournament game ever played.

A 9-0 Lincoln lead was trimmed to 13-12 by the first

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quarter horn, and Central had the edge at halftime, 26-23. But the Tigers scored eight of the third quarter's first 10 points and six of its last eight, for a 37-36 advantage at a frame of regulation remaining.

The Lions clawed their way back, catching Bennie Lewis' boys at 44-44 with 1 minute 16

seconds left in the fourth quarter. When Central's Chris Reynolds picked up a charging foul at the two-second mark, the game went to overtime.

Reynolds' technical foul with just over a minute to go and Mike Hughes' desperation fade-away at the buzzer pro-

vided the excitement in the first overtime. Still tied 52-52, after a pair of extra seconds, the teams traded baskets before Vincent Jackson's 18-footer, over a pair of outstretched defenders, won it at the buzzer, giving Lincoln its third straight state title, and fourth overall.

In another classic state final, this one in 1952, district power Hebron defeated Quincy 59-57 in the first overtime contest in state championship game history.

Hebron's Green Giants featured Bill Schulz (6-foot-10½) and the Judson Twins (Paul and Phil). Quincy countered with Artie Johnson (6-foot-10) and the state-built around the nucleus of Bruce Brothers and including Jack Gower and Charles Fast.

Quincy led 16-14 at the first stop, but Hebron shaved a point off that lead in each of the next two sessions, and the score was knotted 48-48 after

three quarters.

Hebron moved out to a 55-50 midway through the fourth quarter when the roof caved in for Quincy. Bruce Brothers, the Blue Devils' superb all-state center, picked up his personal foul with 4:30 left to play in regulation. But Quincy responded with a flurry, scoring eight of the next 11 points to tie the contest at 58-58 with just 50 seconds remaining.

Neither team could score down the stretch in regulation. Both teams' Blue Devils could not mount an offensive attack. Hebron limited Quincy to one free throw over the three-minute extra session and pulled away to the 64-59 win.

In another close contest, just four years ago, Peoria Manual claimed its first of four consecutive state titles, defeating the Hebron Terriers 61-60 in a memorable finale.

Brandon Hughes hit a pair of free throws with four seconds remaining to give the Rams

the one-point lead. Carbondale inbounded the ball, worked it across the time line, where a Terriers player launched a desperation 40-footer the hit the backboard and drew rim before bounding harmlessly away from the basket.

It was questionable whether the shot was taken before the final horn. But trial official Charles Brown, of Marion, Ill., Chicago's 1996 state runner-up in 1954, could be seen waving the shot off as it made its way to the hoop.

Had it gone in, it would have been one of the great controversies in championship game history. (Imagine the Collinsville-Edwardsville sectional game this season being for the state title.)

With more than its fair share of blowouts in the last 26 years, it was good to once more see a championship game that kept you in suspense down to the wire.

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at Normal, Quincy tallied 16 of 21 free throw attempts and was called for four fouls while Manual was 1 of 2 from the free throw line and charged with 18 fouls.

Quincy Coach Loren Wallace is the brother of University of Hawaii coach Riley Wallace, who led the Rainbow Warriors to the 1978 NIT title. Riley coached at Litchfield High, where he once was a member of that community's basketball team that lost to Belleville in a Jaycees state tournament.

Rim shot

Among the spectators at the Illinois state tourney was ousted O'Fallon boys Coach Norm Toenjes, who could identify in some ways with Joliet of the Elite Eight.

While making an impressive run to O'Fallon's sixth regional title (four in 10 years for Toenjes), the Panthers were

without a starter and a reserve who were suspended for code of conduct violations.

At mid-season, Joliet coach Bob Koskoski kicked two players off his team, which then lost four consecutive games only to regroup with a regional title. In the state tournament against Richards in the super-sectional, Joliet took a 24-6 record to state and had 19 games (including five overtime) decided by 10 points or less.

Footnote

Here's a vote for Joe Wiley of Belleville to move from being a television commentator of some Saint Louis University basketball to radio broadcast of the Billikens.

Double overtime

Adrienne Miskell, a senior forward at Northern Illinois University, recently completed her collegiate basketball career with an eight-point, nine-rebound effort in an 82-58 loss to highly ranked Southwest

Missouri State in the MVC women's tournament.

Among the lowlights of the MVC women's season was an incident after a game in Terre Haute, Ind., where a male spectator, apparently brother of an Indiana State player, spit in the referee's face. The official responded by punching the fan in the face.

One of the officials working the game was Dennis Lignou, the baseball coach at Granite City High.

"It was not a pretty situation," said Lignou, who bemoaned the lack of security in the runway leading from the basketball court to the locker rooms.

Running note

Abbie Perez, a sophomore at Belleville East, continues to impress St. Louis area scouts with her play in the St. Louis Track Club events. On March 1 she paced the 19-and-under division of the one-kilometer Hibernian Shamrock Run with a time of 42:03.

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NEWS

SIUE wants to engage children's minds

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville School of Education and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction will present a program titled "Engaging Children's Minds: Consider the Possibilities" from 7 to 3 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. April 9. Both presentations will be held in the Meridian Ballroom in the University Center.

Lillian Katz, professor of education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and the director of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education, will be the featured speaker.

In the 1989 book "Engaging Children's Minds: The Project Approach," Katz and Sylvia Chard presented a method of interdisciplinary teaching and learning based on in-depth studies.

Since 1995, SIUE has offered a summer course for teachers on the project approach. While Katz, who will visit Grafton Elementary School on April 8 to participate in project work in a second-grade classroom.

Katz, a past president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children,

and just completed a term as chairperson of the board of directors of the National Society for the Study of Education.

She is the author of more than 100 publications, including articles, chapters and books about early childhood education, teacher education and curriculum. She was the founding editor in chief of "Early Childhood Research Quarterly" and now serves as editor of the first international journal in early childhood, "Early Childhood Research & Practices."

For more information, call 692-3082.

April special month for giving

By Clayton Berry
Staff writer

North County residents Robert and Carol Bequette received a gift two years ago they'll never forget.

The North County couple's home was repaired 1996 by volunteers from the Christmas in April organization.

On April 18 in St. Louis and St. Louis County and on April 25 in Madison County, Ill., volunteers will again repair small and pain-free life into 65 damaged houses for homeowners who have been unable to keep up with repairs.

Nine of those are in North County communities, including Villa Terrace, Uplands Park, Beverly Hills and the Castlepoint area near Chambers and Halls Ferry roads.

The group expects more than 1,000 volunteers this year. More are needed. To donate time or to give a financial contribution call 849-3991.

The Bequetties suffer from health problems and have disabilities. They were not physically or financially able to repair their home.

"Our house was falling down on us," Carolyn Bequette said.

The group of volunteers, about two dozen, painted the kitchen, repaired a crumbling deck and replaced rotten land-

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—Wayne Kaufman
'Christmas' board member

scaping timbers in the lawn.

Lynn Rajani, Christmas in April director, said the group receives about 300 applications each year for assistance. She realized there is an even greater need.

"That's just a drop in the bucket," she said.

The organization's goal is to help people live in warmth, safety and independence, Rajani said. Candidates for assistance often are referred to Christmas in April by area housing agencies.

All applicants are screened by a selection committee.

Those who receive assistance must be low-income, disabled or elderly.

They have already been selected this year for assistance.

The group will begin taking applications for next year this summer.

Professionals are joined in the home repair novices in the vol-

unteer ranks.

Wayne Kaufman, United Hardware owner and Christmas in April board member, said there's good reason people in his line of work help.

"It gives people in our industry a good feeling by giving of themselves," he said.

Any person who is at least 14 years old can volunteer. The work often involves painting, basic carpentry and removing debris.

Volunteers are supervised by skilled craftsmen and women, such as members of the St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee and Plumbers Local 50.

Although Robert Bequette is disabled, he said he wants to give back to the very program that helped him.

"We were so very, very grateful," he said. "I want to donate my services this year."

The couple said the appreciation they feel for the volunteers lingers even after two years.

It's hard to describe how it makes you feel," Carolyn Bequette said. "It just makes you feel honored."

Christmas in April is a nationwide effort that has made a difference in homeowners' lives for a decade. St. Louis has offered the program since 1993.

Chief fearful of volunteer numbers

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

One of the worst case scenarios for a fire chief with a volunteer department is having too many volunteers for the job.

"Our worst nightmare is to have too many volunteers than we know what to do with," Signal Hill Fire Chief Greg Rendner said. "The retention of volunteers is more difficult. There are so many other things that are involved in."

Currently, Signal Hill has 30 active members and 10 associate members. Associate members are residents from the community who want to help at the department but not go out on calls. They perform work around the station and help whenever needed.

At the Swansea Fire Department, there are 10 members involved in the department's Explorer Post. The members are over 14 years old and learn

how to operate equipment and help around the station. Swansea Fire Chief John McGuire said the department has 26 active volunteers.

In Fairview Heights, the Fairview Heights Department has 100 volunteers in its roster. Chief Don Feher said the volunteers can also work part-time at the station, cleaning up and maintaining the grounds.

"They do a lot of work around here when we're lacking manpower," Feher said. "We'd

rather have them work here than somewhere else and take them away from responses to calls."

The age limits and probationary periods for volunteers vary from department to department. However, the volunteers all must live within their fire district to join. In addition, a good driving record is required and the volunteer should be in good physical condition.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued through the Office of Mar. Von Nida, Madison County Clerk:

Danny Alvin Allen and Alicia Avila Lidicky, both of Granite City.

Mark Alan Carroll and Carla Renee Redman, both of Granite City.

Stephen Henry Cooper and Shauna Joan Wilke, both of Edwardsville.

Marc G. Donaldson and Linda Marie Crews, both of Granite City.

Donald Drew, Jr. and Glenda Faye Oliver, both of Madison.

George Wayne Fernandez of Granite City and Kathleen Mary Post of Troy.

Jonathan Wayne Greer and Rhonda Lynn Conner, both of Granite City.

Dale DeVor Griffith and Angela Darling Gaston, both of Pontoon Beach.

Steven Richard Jacobs of Granite City and Margaret Ann Alterton of Glen Carbon.

Donald James Kasson and Kimberly Ann Patterson, both of Granite City.

Paul Allen Maberry and Tracy Kay Crane, both of Collinsville.

Robert Edward Norton and Teresa Ann Holltsford, both of Granite City.

Robert Eugene Odum and Diane Michelle Watkins, both of Granite City.

Richard Eugene Owens and Tammy Renee Wilde, both of Collinsville.

Steven Thomas Prange and Katherine Ellen Stratton, both of St. Jacob.

Joel Louis Scheppeler and Jean Frances Duke, both of Troy.

Donald Raymond Stricker and Robin Jean Pierson, both of Madison.

Glen Stuart Thomas and Angelina Kristine Collins, both of Granite City.

Gene Edgar Trower and Mary Ellen Schmidt, both of Collinsville.

Don Stephen Arnold of Wood River and Brenda Joyce Simpson, son of Mordi.

Andrew Bailey and Holly Ra Nae Narvaez, both of Pontoon Beach.

David Allen Bay and Christina Lynn Hargis, both of Collinsville.

Ray William Beers and Daniel Carla Lyerla, both of Collinsville.

Phillip Johnathon Blankenship and Jacqueline Marie Davis, both of Edwardsville.

Nigel Deese of Durferville, UN and Ellen Marie Cottingham of Edwardsville.

David Alan Deuser and Mary Kathryn Dean, both of Troy.

Kevin Robert Ebersold and Bridgette Marie Sawyer, both of Collinsville.

Jeffrey Allen Epperson and Hollie Eugenia Hooker, both of Granite City.

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NEWS

McGiffin caught on tape: 'We have dynamite'

By Paul A. Brinkmann

Telegraph staff writer

Additional court documents in the federal case against white supremacist Dennis McGiffin spell out the federal government's allegation that he was the leader of an alleged

conspiracy.

The additional documents also give more evidence that McGiffin suspected he was being tape recorded by the FBI, even during phone conversations with friends.

"We have dynamite, we

have weapons, we have a LAWS (rocket)," the documents quote McGiffin as saying to members of the alleged New Order on Aug. 28 last year. Order.

That comment allegedly was made at the home of co-defen-

dant Ralph P. Bock in rural Jerseyville.

McGiffin then "advised members that they needed to continue their efforts to stockpile weapons," according to the documents.

The additional documents with three co-defendants with

conspiring to receive, possess, and make illegal weapons. He has pleaded not guilty and denied being charged in any other way. He has denied he was the leader of the alleged conspiracy.

In the complaint, Smith refers to the transcript of a tape recorded telephone conversations between McGiffin and his friends. Some examples:

- Nov. 14, 1997 — McGiffin uses his home phone in Wood River to call co-defendant Glenn Lowtharp in St. Louis. The two discuss what Smith says is apparently a weapon. At one point McGiffin says, "The magazines were missing." McGiffin then says, "You (Lowtharp) had a series. You know what I'm talking about. That's the way I have to say it, Glenn."
- Nov. 13, 1997, 7:24 p.m. — McGiffin phones co-defendant Wallace Weicherding of Edwardsville to ask if Weicherding found a bag of "missing parts" in his car. Weicherding suggests calling Lowtharp, but McGiffin says he can't talk about it on the phone.

In a footnote on the complaint, Smith stated: "McGiffin and Weicherding's express or relevant statements over the telephone expressly over the telephone are circumstantial evidence of the criminal nature of the conversation."

- Nov. 27, 1997, 8:41 p.m. — McGiffin calls Weicherding again. This time McGiffin discusses getting one additional piece of something. "If Glenn (Lowtharp) could come up with that one piece, we'd pretty much, I think, be ready."

The two then discuss the "good old Bible" which Smith said in the complaint was a believed reference to the acquisition of an additional firearm for Lowtharp. In a footnote, Smith said "Bible" was an agreed-upon term for weapons among McGiffin's friends.

Feds seek gag order

By Paul A. Brinkmann

Telegraph staff writer

An exclusive interview with white supremacist Dennis McGiffin published over the weekend has prompted federal prosecutors to seek a gag order against him.

But McGiffin's attorney, Douglas A. Forsyth of St. Louis, said he thinks federal prosecutors, if any, are the ones attempting to try McGiffin's case in the media.

"We didn't tell you one thing that's not a matter of public record," Forsyth said. "All we did was respond to what we think is grossly inflated distortion of fact."

The interview was the first time the McGiffin had spoken publicly since his arrest Feb. 23, except for terse statements made during court hearings.

However, assistant U.S. Attorney Norm Smith stated in a memorandum filed Monday that the resulting news articles were too much.

"The article reflects comments made by the defendant and his counsel, which seek to try the case before the media and attack the government in clear violation of the rules of this court," Smith said in the memorandum.

He said there have already been more than 25 news stories in major U.S. newspapers about the McGiffin case.

McGiffin, 35, of Wood River, is being held without bond at St. Louis' jail on federal charges of conspiring to receive, possess and make illegal weapons, including semi-automatic guns, grenades and pipe bombs. He has pleaded not guilty.

St. Louis attorney Douglas A. Forsyth accompanied McGiffin during the interview in a visiting room at the jail.

The former Ku Klux Klan member denied that he was organizing a new terrorist group called the "New Order" to bomb public buildings and kill civil rights leaders.

McGiffin said in the interview that conversations tape recorded by the FBI were just "big talk" at drunken get-togethers. He said the weapons were simply part of his gun collection and were either legal or inoperative.

McGiffin said he feared wiretaps not because he was talking about criminal activities but because, "I wouldn't want my drunken friends standing there saying something anti-government."



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By Tom Strongman

The sixth-generation Honda Accord would do Houdini proud. The 106.9-inch wheelbase is the same as the previous model. Overall length and width vary by less than one-half inch, yet there is 3.6 more inches of rear-seat leg room, a bigger trunk and more hip and shoulder room for both front and rear passengers.

Passenger volume is up by 7 cubic feet, which makes it larger inside than the Toyota Camry and Ford Taurus. It is now classified as a full-size car, yet its shadow is the same size.

Honda's sleight-of-hand is evident throughout the fifth redesign of this popular family sedan. Nearly everything is new.

The base engine is a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engine and the optional 3.0-liter V-6 put out more power than last year's cars.

Price, too, has remained essentially the same while content has been increased.

The 1998 Accord is a global car. Four different models are derived from one common but flexible platform to suit various global needs. Standard wheelbase, length, wheelbase and even the interior volume would be different for each market. The car for our market is built only in the U.S. at Honda's Marysville, Ohio, plant. It has 97 percent domestic content.

There are five trim levels, with prices that range from \$15,100 for the DX to \$24,150 for the luxurious EX.

I drove a V-6-powered LX, which is likely to be one of the most popular models. Standard equipment includes power windows, locks and mirrors, anti-lock, four-wheel-disc brakes;

automatic transmission; tilt steering wheel; cruise control; AM/FM stereo cassette; and air conditioning with micro air distribution.

At a price of \$21,945, including freight, it represents a terrific value.

A two-door coupe with its own distinct body also is available.

The 200-horsepower V-6, which is all new this year, sparkles with power. It seems to belong in the slighted middle of the throat.

And goes about its business so seamlessly that you can hardly tell it is there. Out on the open road the Accord whizzes along quietly, so quietly, I had to use an eagle eye on the speedometer. Even well past 70 mph it felt so tight and composed you would swear it came from Germany. The smoothness of the engine is evident in the entire vehicle, from the way the transmission kicks down when you want extra power to the elegant touch of the clutch.

The redesign has been very conservative. Its profile is fairly upright and angular, yet the lines are rounded for softness. The interior is a combination of American dealers played a role in determining its design, and customers were surveyed too. Durability, reliability, value, quality and craftsmanship are of greatest importance, and those values are reflected in the new design, which is conservative but functional.

Inside the new car looks much like the old one, even though everything is new. The radio and climate controls are housed in a



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section of the dash that curves gently down, so they can be reached easily. The leather knobs are a good sample of the monochromous of thought that permeates the interior: They are large enough to be used with gloves and glide with precision.

It is a pleasure to drive, with precise handling and a ride that is the firmest I have felt in an Accord.

This new Accord is a bold step for Honda because it illustrates the company's willingness to let each market decide the kind of car it gets, which is a radical way of producing a global vehicle. The cost of the car is the content while holding the price.

The base price for the V-6 LX is \$21,550. Destination is \$395, which brings the sticker price to \$21,945.

The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: The 1998 Accord has more room, more power and better technology. In conclusion, yet its price is no higher than last year. It is now a true mid-size sedan in terms of interior space, yet overall size remains the same.

On the other hand, some folks may find the ride too firm, and the narrow, V-shaped hole between the trunk and back seat limits the width of items that will fit there.

Vehicle Inspections: Safety vs. Inconvenience

By Rick Stoff

The only chore more wearisome than the annual Missouri motor vehicle inspection may be the trip to the dentist.

There is sentiment among some state legislators to trim the inspection program. The Missouri State Highway Patrol, however, believes its safety inspection program has made cars and trucks in the state some of the safest in the country.

"One of the main arguments is that they are an inconvenience," said Capt. Gene Lacey, director of the patrol's motor vehicle inspection division.

About 4.3 million cars and trucks are inspected each year in Missouri as part of the vehicle license renewal process. A bill proposed in the Missouri legislature would require inspections only of cars and trucks being sold. That would remove 77 percent of the state's cars and trucks, about 3.3 million a year, from the inspection loop, Lacey said.

"If an inspection is required only then a lot of vehicles are not going to be inspected," Lacey said. "Most people drive 15,000 to 25,000 miles a year. If a car is not inspected for five years, you've got problems."

The patrol periodically compares Missouri auto accident statistics with those of other states to determine the influence of the inspection program. Missouri, 20 other states and the District of Columbia require periodic inspections. The only Missouri neighbors among that group are Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Nationally, vehicle safety defects are listed on accident reports as a contributing factor in one in 56.3 fatal crashes. The patrol examined submissions to a federal accident reporting system and looked for the items explicitly mentioned in the reports. These include tires, brakes, steering, suspension, exhaust, lighting.

The safety defect rate is one in 65.2 fatal accidents in the states that require periodic safety inspections. In Missouri, the patrol says defects are listed as a factor in just one in 64 fatal accidents.

"We are quite happy with that statistic," Lacey said.

The involvement of safety defects in fatal accidents increases sharply with vehicle age. In Missouri, the rate for cars 10 years old or older is one in 22.8 fatal accidents in cars that are 10 years old.

In cars that are 5 years old, safety defects are noted in one in 38.4 fatal accidents. The rate is one in 32.3 accidents in cars that are more than 10 years old.

Might there be a compromise in removing cars from the inspection/inconvenience stream for the first couple of years?

"People think there is some talk of that," Lacey said. "But if we take inspections at two years, by that time the car may have been driven 30,000 to 50,000 miles. A lot of things could go wrong in that amount of time."

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By Steve Bryan

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Jacqueline Clark is legal secretary at Missouri Baptist Hospital. There are many jobs in the health care industry that do not involve working directly with patients.

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"It was anticipated that we would be hiring slower in this industry. We continue, however, to recruit health care professionals, those people who give patient care," he said.

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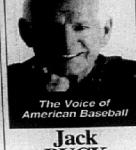
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